



OFFICE OF  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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\$17,700.00

In the Matter of )

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS )

No. D06-161

CONSENT ORDER  
IMPOSING A FINE

Findings of Fact:

1. Catholic Order of Foresters is a fraternal benefit society authorized to conduct insurance business in Washington State. It issues life insurance.
2. Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") § 48.36A.260 requires every fraternal benefit society transacting business in this state to file an annual statement in conformity with NAIC guidelines by March 1 of the following calendar year. The OIC may fine a fraternal benefit society \$100 per day for the period of time that the Annual Statement remains unfilled.
3. RCW 48.36A.263 requires fraternal benefit societies to comply with the *National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Quarterly and Annual Statement Filing Instructions* regarding filing of financial statements. The Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") § 284-07-050 requires adherence to these filing instructions. The April Supplemental filing is due to the OIC on April 1 of the following year.
4. WAC 284-07-120 requires that insurers submit to the OIC an annual audited financial statement for the previous calendar year on or before June 1 of the following year.
5. RCW 48.36A.310(1)(b) permits the Commissioner to revoke or suspend the license of a fraternal benefit society for violation of Chapter 48.36A RCW.
6. Catholic Order of Foresters filed its calendar year 2004 Annual Statement with the OIC on August 25, 2005, 177 days late.
7. Catholic Order of Foresters filed its 2004 Audited Financial Statement, without the required signature, with the OIC on July 5, 2005.
8. To date, Catholic Order of Foresters has failed to file a complete 2004 Audited Financial Statement or its 2004 April Supplemental filing with the OIC.

Conclusion of Law:

Catholic Order of Foresters' failure to timely file its calendar year 2004 Annual Statement, 2004 April Supplemental filing, and signatures for its 2004 Audited Financial Statement with the OIC

constitutes one violation of RCW 48.36A.260, one violation of RCW 48.36A.263, and one violation of WAC 284-07-120.

Consent to Order:

Catholic Order of Foresters consents to the following, in order to resolve this matter without further legal or administrative proceedings. The Insurance Commissioner consents to resolve this matter in consideration of the fraternal benefit society's payment of a fine as set forth below.

1. Catholic Order of Foresters consents to the entry of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and acknowledges its duty to comply fully with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Washington. It waives further administrative or legal challenge to the actions taken, or to be taken, by the Insurance Commissioner, related to the subject matter of this Order.
2. Within thirty days of the entry of this Order, Catholic Order of Foresters will pay to the Insurance Commissioner a fine in the amount of \$17,700 (seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars).
3. Failure to pay the fine in full within thirty days of the entry of this order will constitute grounds for revocation of the license held by Catholic Order of Foresters in Washington State. It will also result in a civil action being brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner, to recover the fine.

Executed this 10th day of May, 2006.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

By: David E. Huber

Printed Name: David E. Huber

Printed Corporate Title: President/High Chief Ranger

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Consent to Order, the Insurance Commissioner orders as follows:

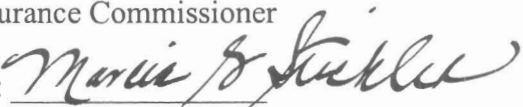
Order:

1. Catholic Order of Foresters is ordered to pay, within thirty days of the entry of this order, a fine in the amount of \$17,700 (seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars).
2. Failure to pay the fine timely and in full will constitute grounds for revocation of the license held by the fraternal benefit society in Washington State. It will also

result in a civil action being brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner, to recover the fine.

Executed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006

MIKE KREIDLER  
Insurance Commissioner

By:   
**Marcia G. Stickler**  
Legal Affairs Division